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## KARS Celebrates 100th Year

The next KARS General Meeting will be Tuesday, February 11th, 7PM at the Bradley/Bourbonnais Sportmen's Club.

Let's discuss the specifics of a special event operation.

After the program, there will be a brief business meeting.

**Special operating event  
proposal to be discussed  
commemorating KARS 100th  
Year at the February Meeting**

### KARS 2025 DUES SCHEDULE YOU ARE NEEDED

Regular Membership	\$30
Family Membership	\$40
Senior Membership	\$15
Senior Family Membership	\$20
Full Time Student Membership	\$15
Disabled Membership	\$15
Active Military	Waived

### KARS KALENDAR

Feb 11.....	<a href="#">KARS General Meeting</a>
Feb 25.....	<a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a>
March 11.....	<a href="#">KARS General Meeting</a>
March 25.....	<a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a>
April 8.....	<a href="#">KARS General Meeting</a>
April 22.....	<a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a>
April TBD.....	<a href="#">KARS Annual Banquet</a>

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 3	K9XI
February 4	K9QT
February 8	KK9R
February 11	N9ETT
February 14	K9BAC
February 15	NI9H
February 20	N9LYE

Let us know if we miss your birthday or get it wrong.

### NCS FOR FEBRUARY

The net meets every Monday at 2000 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

February 3 KD9NPQ  
February 10 N9OE  
February 17 N9OE  
February 24 K9XI  
Don't forget the net!

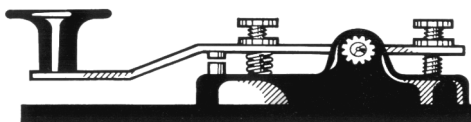
### KARS BOARD MEETING

The December KARS Board Meeting will be Tuesday February 25th at El Mexicano's Restaurant.  
6PM to eat...7PM to meet  
Attend at 7PM if you don't wish to eat.

*The Kankakee Area Radio Society  
operates repeaters on:*

*146.34/.94 107.2 PL Access  
449.8/444.8 100.0 PL Access  
145.130 107.2 PL Access*

*Additionally, KARS sponsors:  
144.39 2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters*



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### KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

Feb 1-2.....	<a href="#">Vermont QSO Party</a>
Feb 1.....	<a href="#">Minnesota QSO Party</a>
Feb 1-2.....	<a href="#">British Columbia QSO Party</a>
Feb 8-9.....	<a href="#">CQWW WPX RTTY</a>
Feb 10-14.....	<a href="#">ARRL School Roundup</a>
Feb 15-16.....	<a href="#">ARRL DX CW</a>
Feb 21-23.....	<a href="#">CQWW 160 Contest SSB</a>
Feb 22.....	<a href="#">South Carolina QSO Party</a>
Feb 22-23.....	<a href="#">NAQP RTTY</a>
Feb 23.....	<a href="#">North Carolina QSO Party</a>
Mar 1-2.....	<a href="#">ARRL DX Contest SSB</a>
Mar 8-9.....	<a href="#">Idaho QSO Party</a>
Mar 8-9.....	<a href="#">Oklahoma QSO Party</a>
Mar 9-10.....	<a href="#">Wisconsin QSO Party</a>
Mar 15-17.....	<a href="#">BARTG RTTY Contest</a>
Mar 15-16.....	<a href="#">Virginia QSO Party</a>
Mar 29-30.....	<a href="#">CQWW WPX Contest SSB</a>

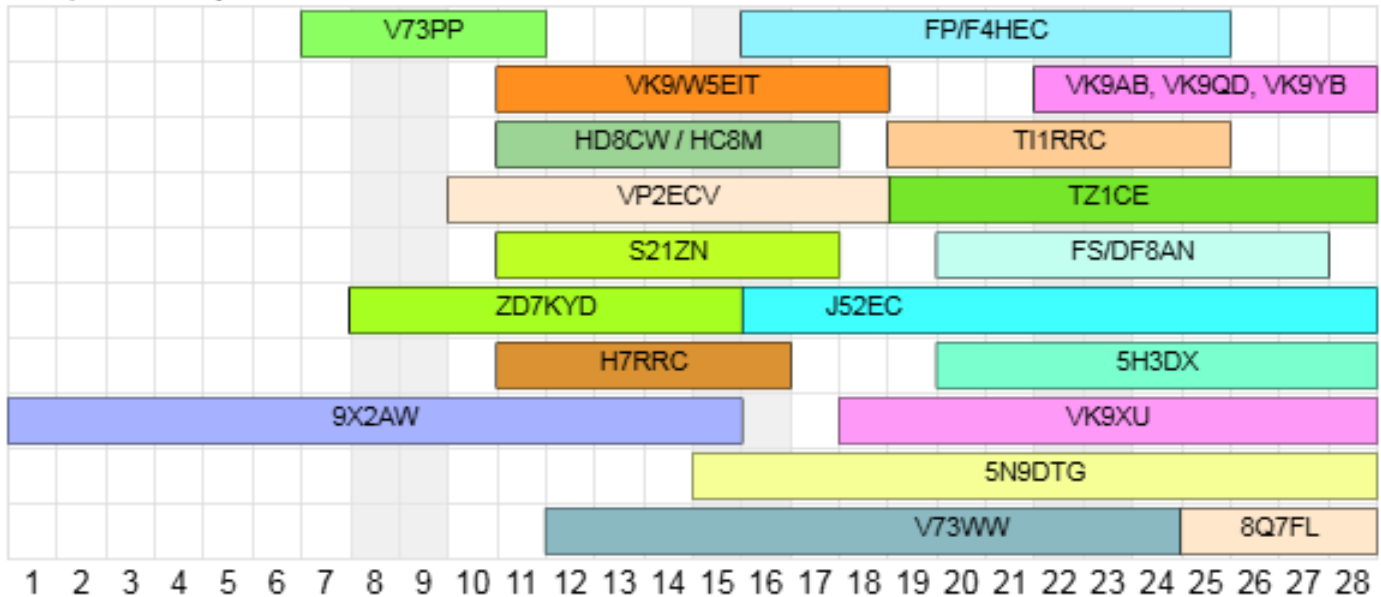
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## FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

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**FEBRUARY**

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**In Loving Memory of  
Cindy Lee Melhorn**

01/07/1951 - 01/23/2025


**N9IOQ**

Cindy Lee (Heidel) Melhorn N9IOQ, 74 of Bonfield passed away Thursday, January 23, 2025 at Riverside Hospital.

She was born on January 7, 1951 in Lincoln, the daughter of John and Catherine F. (Hanner) Heidel. On February 14, 1981 she married Clay E. Melhorn in Joliet.

Cindy was an administrative assistant in the development disability field. Cindy was a ham radio operator since 1982, past secretary of the Kankakee Area Radio Society (KARS) and enjoyed reading.

She is survived by her spouse, Clay E. Melhorn; son, John R. (Kris) Moore; daughter, Crystal E. (Rodney) Peña; sister, Carolyn J. (Heidel) LaPaso; brother, William "Bill" (Joann) Heidel; and six grandchildren.

Cindy is preceded by in death by her parents, John and Catherine Heidel; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Leo C. and Elsie Melhorn; brother-in-law, Kenneth W. LaPaso.

A private service will be held in the mausoleum at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais from 10-11 am on February 8, 2025.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the Manteno Veterans' Home in honor of Cindy's father, John Heidel (Merchant Marines 1942-1945) in Cindy and John's names.